

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATION OF DATA
BETWEEN HOST AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention is directed towards a system and method for the communication of computer data between at least one host and an administration system (preferably, a storage management system). In at least one embodiment, discovery data is gathered by one or more host systems (preferably by an agent residing on each of these host systems) and the structure(s) of such data is(are) defined using a markup language (preferably XML). In at least one embodiment, the data is then transported from the host systems to the storage management system via a remote procedure call (preferably an operating system independent remote procedure call such as Java RMI).